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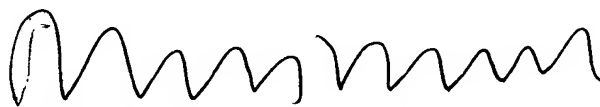
In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby made of record in the above-identified U.S. National Phase patent application.

The listed references were cited in the enclosed English language International Search Report and/or an Official Action in the corresponding Finnish application, with the exception of WO 3042292. WO '292 corresponds to DE 10249563, which is cited in the accompanying International Search Report. The enclosed references are in English, with the exception of DE 10304735, for which an English language abstract is provided. In view of the attached search report and abstract, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application; therefore, no fee is required. The Examiner is courteously requested to initial and return a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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